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Summary Information

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Biographical Note

John W. Kern was a Senator from Indiana; born in Alto, Howard County, Ind., December 20, 1849; attended the common schools and the normal college at Kokomo, Ind.; taught school; graduated from the law department of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor in 1869; admitted to the bar the same year and commenced practice in Kokomo; unsuccessful candidate for election to the State house of representatives in 1870; city attorney of Kokomo 1871-1884; reporter of the Indiana Supreme Court 1885-1889; member, State senate 1893-1897; special assistant United States district attorney 1893-1894; city solicitor of Indianapolis 1897-1901; unsuccessful Democratic candidate for Governor in 1900 and 1904; unsuccessful candidate for Vice President of the United States on the Democratic ticket with William Jennings Bryan in 1908; elected as a Democrat to the United States Senate and served from March 4, 1911, to March 3, 1917; unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1916; Democratic caucus chairman 1913-1917; chairman, Committee on Privileges and Elections (Sixty-third and Sixty-fourth Congresses); died in Asheville, N.C., August 17, 1917; interment on the Kern estate near Hollins, Va.; reinterment in Crown Hill Cemetery, Indianapolis, Ind., in 1929.

Scope and Contents

The collection includes two photocopies of a clipping about John W. Kern titled "Would Like to be a Vice President;" a photocopy of a letter written to W. H. Liggett, Kern's cousin, with genealogical information about their family; and a photocopy of a letter written to Emeline Liggett, Kern's aunt, which talks about various family members and Kern's memories of them.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged chronologically.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Accruals

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Processing Information

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Controlled Access Headings

Family Name(s)

- Kern family

Personal Name(s)

- Kern, John Worth, 1849-1917

Subject(s)

- Indiana--Politics and government--20th century